"...don't lie to them to the extent to say there is no [CIA] involvement" in his directions to Haldeman may refer to this. Short of plain lying there seems to be nothing else Nixon could ~~xxxxxx~~ have had in mind.

If it were not a lie to say there was CIA involvement and if it could not have been over the Bay of Pigs and if the CIA were to have any basis for believing it, whatever Nixon did have in mind had to be something the CIA also would understand and respond to.

Not a lie, a reality.